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For The Maryland Farmer.

### ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION.

In the Poultry business probably nothing in the whole round of improvement equals that of artificial incubation as successfully practiced by those who have studied into the work.

The great markets of Boston, New York and Philadelphia are now generally supplied with early chicks for spring broilers by means of the incubator.

Some New Jersey towns have made a specialty of early chicks which has been prosecuted profitably until this business has become the great industry there.—Among these are the towns of Hammonton and Vineland, while through that whole region no other occupation can compare with this in point of income and importance.

There are still strong prejudices against incubators as against all other great im-

provements, and the rivalry of various machines has somewhat strengthened the prejudices.

One very large and successful poultry keeper, raising several thousand chickens every year, has discarded incubators and depends wholly upon natural incubation; but doubtless the cause was an evident indisposition—if not incapacity—to attend properly to the artificial method.

However, this shows that abundant success may be had in exceptional cases even by the natural method.

But we are well satisfied that for those who would make a large business of poultry keeping the artificial method is nearly indispensable; for it saves such a large amount of time and trouble, and brings out the chicks so entirely free from vermin and the disagreeable accompaniments of natural hatching.

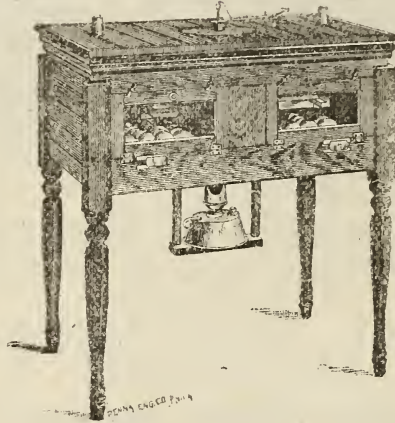
So many have made artificial incubation a complete success, and such an immense



industry has grown up in connexion with it, that the question is no longer a doubtful one.

On this account we have been to considerable trouble to obtain information in reference to the different styles of incuba-

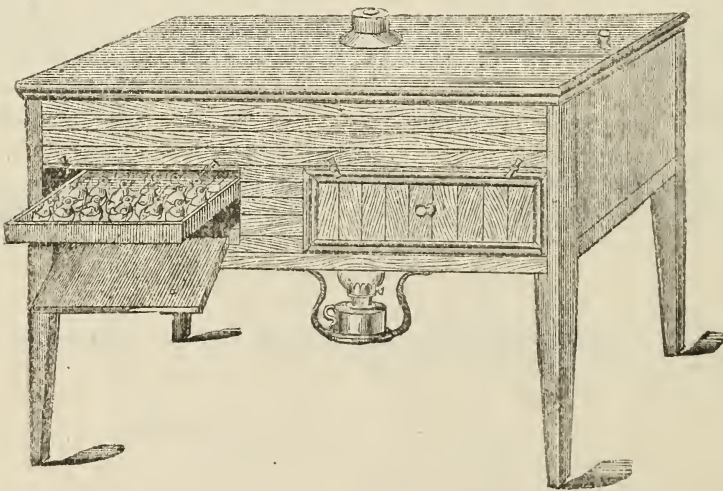
tors and cuts to illustrate them. We have done this, not for the purpose of advertising any especial makes, but to set forth the general character and principle on which they are founded. The manufacturers have aided us very cheerfully.



Prairie State Incubator.

The Prairie State Incubator is a well known and very successful machine. The manufacturers, with unnecessary modesty, have sent us nothing as to per centage of hatch or prices; but will answer promptly when addressed. The fact that forty

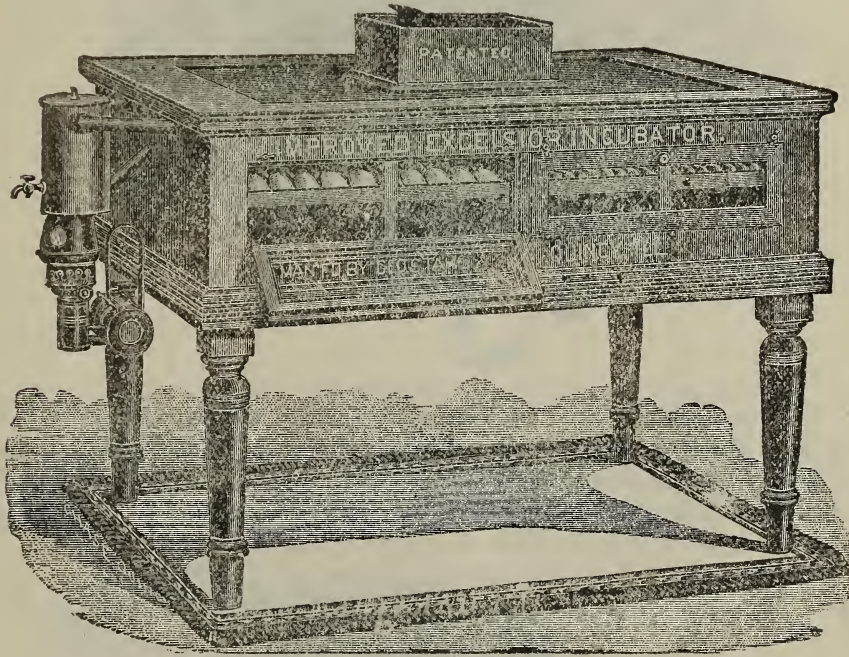
of them are now in operation within the city limits of Hammonton is a sufficient testimony to their value. The demand is quite extensive and to avoid sending from Homer, Pa., to the Pacific coast they have a manufactory at Los Angeles, Cal.



The Triumph Incubator, Maryland Md.



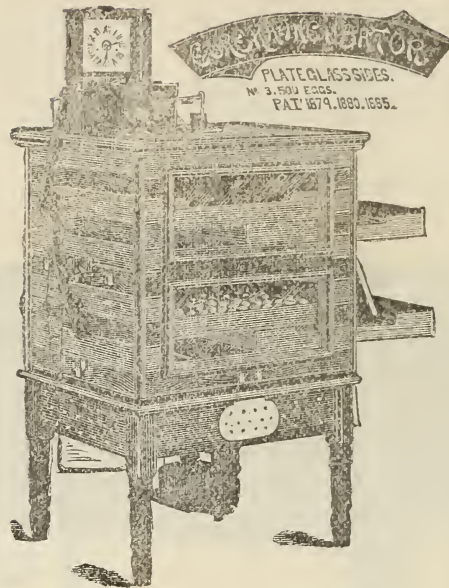
The Triumph Incubator manufactured in Maryland is one of the cheap incubators as to price; but seems to be a thoroughly practical machine. It hails from Maryland and the general testimony is from 75 to 92 per cent hatched by it. Capacity 100 to 300. The illustration appears on the preceding page.



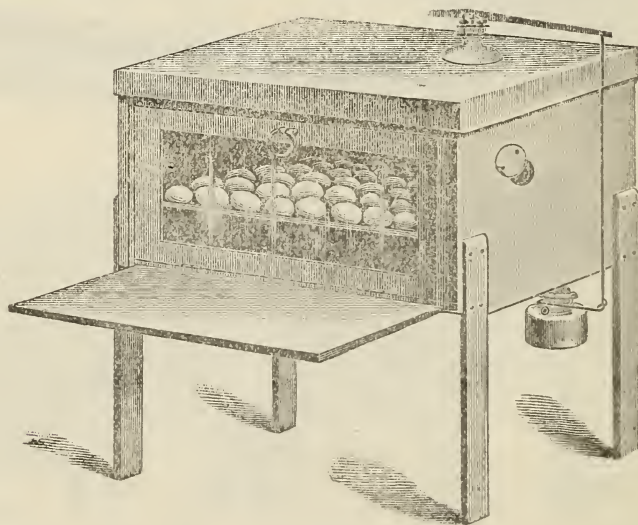
Improved Excelsior Incubator.

Among the very successful incubators of the West is the Improved Excelsior made at Quincy, Ill., ranging in capacity from 100 eggs to 1000, and the prices are certainly very reasonable—from \$18.50 for the 100 to \$85 for the 1000. The testimony shows from 80 to 95 per cent. of fertile eggs hatched by it. In one case we observe a sworn statement of 148 chicks from 147 eggs. But twin chickens from eggs with two yolks have not generally given satisfaction. It may be a useful experiment in some cases, as in the trial of perfect work in artificial incubation.

Although we go to press without the illustration, on account of the absence from home of the manufacturer, we wish to mention the Monarch Incubator, built by James Rankin, of So. Easton, Mass. It is because of its remarkable record that we mention it, having taken many first prizes at exhibitions, including two at the great fairs held in Madison Square Garden, N.Y. They range in capacity from 100 to 600, and the prices from \$65 to \$150. The fact that Mr. Rankin has built up a trade in chicks and ducks to many thousands annually is very suggestive.



The Eureka Incubator is manufactured at West Elizabeth, Pa., and the capacity ranges from 72 eggs to 5000 eggs; the prices from \$40 to \$570. The performance of these ranges all along from 75 to 100 per cent. of the fertile eggs, depending on the skill and attention given in its management.

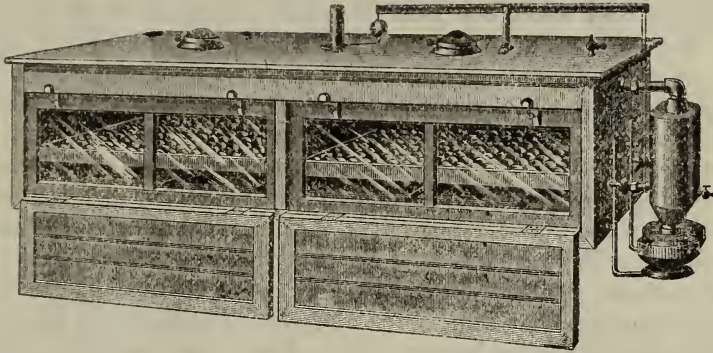


The Queen of Incubators.

The Queen of Incubators is built in Taunton, Mass., by H. D. Moulton, and is claimed to do most perfect work. The plans for moisture and regulation of heat



seem nearly perfect, and the price for a sum may be paid by installments if desired 200 egg machine is only \$25, which small by purchaser.



The Challenge Incubator.

The Challenge Incubator, manufactured at Lynn, Mass.—eggs all on one level—sends out a \$100 challenge to all competitors. Capacity from 120 eggs to 600, and prices from \$35 to \$100.

The appearance of eggs as the incubation progresses, when looked at by means of the tester, is somewhat as follows:

About the sixth day reddish veins will be starting out from the centre and by the tenth day these will pretty generally cover the egg. But unless you have had some experience you will hardly be able to determine the character of the egg from any description; it is however easily learned.

The temperature for the incubators, should be in the neighborhood of 103 degrees. The variation should not prove great on either side, for much depends on the integrity of the heat.

Ventilation and moisture must also be supplied, and the eggs should be turned once or twice every 24 hours.

Now having hatched 75 to 100 per cent of the eggs, the little downy chicks with their bright eyes looking up to us

seem to ask, what we are going to do with them?

Leave them in the incubator till perfectly dry then place them in the brooder.

A brooder of some kind is as much a necessity as the incubator and the more perfect it can be made, the more chicks will be brought to maturity.

It should be properly warmed and made to screen the chicks from light in about the same degree that the mother hen would do. It is easily made and the chicks are not difficult to satisfy.

The chicks should be fed, beginning 24 hours after they are hatched, quite often with crumbled eggs and bread crumbs in milk and then with baked corn bread, to be followed by cracked grain of wheat or corn, and finally whole wheat and corn.

Most of our readers know how to raise young chicks and it is hardly necessary to give all the particulars in this article.

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Renew your subscription.

For The Maryland Farmer.

### A DAY'S WORK IN MY POULTRY YARD.

I have in my flock about 800 head of poultry. Some of them pure bred, many of them crosses, and I keep them for market purposes; selling both my poultry and eggs in the city nearest my yards, about four miles.

I carry my eggs regularly to my customers with my own team, and return with feed and various articles as needed for my house and business. This is done daily, for which purpose I employ help.

I depend upon my poultry business for my living and can generally realize above all expenses and my own living in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars a year. And now for my day's work.

I find it necessary for me to attend to this work myself. I cannot give it to anyone else to do and expect as good results as when I do it myself. This is an important point to remember. Do the work yourself or stand near and see it done properly.

As soon in the morning as it is light enough to see—no sluggard, no lazy loiterer in bed will do here—I clean and fill all pails with fresh water.

Then I feed with a warm mash made the day before, for which of course I have a boiler and such arrangements as are needful. I give only as much as they will eat up clean, which practice has taught me to judge very closely. If they do not have enough to stuff themselves all the better.

By this time breakfast is ready, and I eat my breakfast very leisurely and after breakfast sit comfortably and read the morning paper till I have got a general idea of the news and those items which more particularly interest me.

Then comes my round of cleaning. I go to the stable and clean up thoroughly.

I do it every morning while the team is in the city and it is not a long or very wearisome job.

Passing thence into the chicken yard again, I clean out the poultry houses and if I think any of the yards need it I give them a sweeping. It gives a neat appearance besides being a good thing for the birds.

I look around at the fencing and coops, the nest boxes and gates and wherever I see any repairs wanting I do them, or wherever any convenience is lacking I try to supply it; and so the time passes until dinner is called. I am ready for that.

After dinner my first work is to put fresh water in all the pails. I have no stream on my ten acre place, and this must be done by hand, and it must not be neglected.

Then I make the boiler ready to cook the next morning's mash, and this generally brings me to 2½ o'clock in the afternoon.

This is the hour I feed my flock a good meal of whole grain—2½ o'clock P. M. They get what they will eat up clean; but, as before, they are not stuffed.

About an hour later the wagon arrives from the city. I have made arrangements with certain houses there to take their table scraps. These I unload and assort the feed, and cook whatever is suitable for that process, and get my mash ready for tomorrow morning.

Now I gather the eggs, clean all the dirty ones and pack ready for the next day's route in the city.

The word comes for supper, and during that meal, the dusk draws around us, the poultry go to their roosts and all is ready for my final visit.

This visit is immediately after supper. I shut the poultry houses securely and open all the gates so that the dogs can have a free run through all the yards for the night. These are my night watchmen.



Finally I feed the dogs and turn them loose and my day's work is done. Thus you have a brief outline for one whole day of my work in my poultry yards.

It is proper to say that while I speak here of 800 head, my stock often runs up into the thousands, and between 2500 and 3000 chicks are generally hatched by me in the spring. H.

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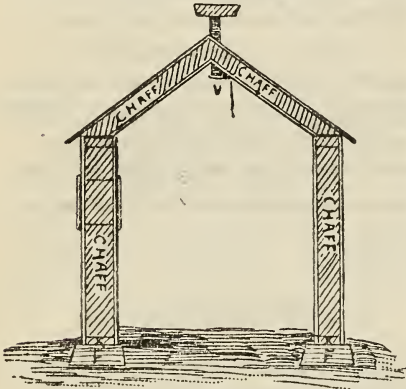
If you do not wish to work, send the name of some one who does.



## INCUBATOR HOUSE.

The interest in incubators being widespread, we here reproduce from *Prairie Farmer* sundry comments, directions and suggestions concerning incubators, along with a view of a section of hatching house for incubators.

Among the good traits claimed for the incubator are the following: It will sit just exactly where you want it to, regardless of the time, season or state of the atmosphere, and that is something the conceited, insolent hen positively and emphatically will not do. She has preposterous ideas of her own, and generally does about as she pleases, while the incubator is peacefully submissive and patient; and if persistently and courteously attended to and sagaciously ca-



END VIEW OF INCUBATOR HOUSE.

ressed, it becomes as tractable as mud in the hands of the potter. To the progressive and would be wealthy poultry keeper it is an indispensable piece of furniture, and the sooner he enters into close communication with one, wins its confidence and learns to diagnose its peculiarities, the earlier will he get upon the turnpike to opulence and severity.

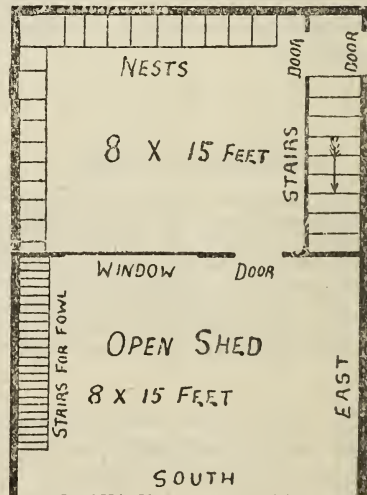
The incubator, according to the authority quoted, needs and must have a house especially constructed for it. This house need not be large nor expensive, but it must have a climate in its interior that is very equable. To secure this desirable end, the walls and roof must be double and have the space between packed with some non-conducting material, like finely chopped straw, hay or chaff. It should also be provided with a double window, so placed that the light can fall directly upon the front of the ma-

chine, or machines. The entrance should be through another building, or through double or storm doors. A good ventilator is a necessity, and it should be so arranged that it can be partly or entirely closed, as found necessary.

To aid the beginner is herewith presented a sectional view of one end of a hatching house. F F are foundation stones. X X X X are 2x6 pieces to which the outer and inner walls are nailed. Rafters are same size. Dead air spaces in walls and roof are filled with finely cut straw, hay or chaff, which is every whit as good for this purpose as sawdust, while it does not gather dampness. If the inner wall is lined with building paper, so much the better. W is a double window in the side of the building. V, ventilator to open and close. The ends of the building are made same as the sides. If not over twelve feet long, no ties are needed. The ends will prevent any spreading. As may be seen, the whole affair can be constructed in sections and put up afterward.

## A POULTRY HOUSE.

In the accompanying cut is illustrated a poultry house of moderate cost. It is 12 by 16 feet in dimensions and two stories high.



POULTRY HOUSE—GROUND FLOOR.

The ground floor is equally divided by a cross partition. The south end is left open in summer, or covered with slabs

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or wire netting. In winter it is closed with glazed sash. The north end is reserved for nests, as shown in the plan. The stairway is inclosed above and below, to keep the fowls out. At its foot are an outer and an inner door, with a small entryway between. This prevents the escape of the fowls, as well as the influx of currents of cold air, when the outer door is opened.



POULTRY HOUSE—SECOND STORY.

Under the stairs are nests for setting hens, which are thus shut off from communication with the rest of the house. The lower stair is hung on hinges. While hens are setting this and the outer door may be left open, giving them means of exit to obtain food and exercise.

The upper floor is fitted up with roosts. The fowls reach it by means of a "hen ladder," consisting of a plank with slats nailed across it at proper intervals. The house may be constructed in any style to suit the taste or means of the owner. Thanks are due to *Prairie Farmer* for the foregoing plans and accompanying description.

#### Heat-Retaining Bee Hives.

Regarding the protection of bees against cold in winter, and during the time of rapid brood rearing in spring, an apiarian in *American Bee Journal* takes the ground that warm air inside the hive is of the first importance, and that the temperature of the air outside the hive is only a secondary matter, provided the hive walls are composed of good heat retaining materials. In a hive of bees we have, as it were, a self acting furnace, keeping up a constant temperature

of 65 degs. in the center, and at least 50 degs. in the atmosphere immediately surrounding it, when the bees are the most quiescent. About three pounds of cork dust is required to give 1½ inches of filling for the walls of ordinary hives. The beekeeper referred to uses picture backing and three thicknesses of carpet felt paper for the inner skin of his hives, and ¾-inch pine for the outer skin. Hives with walls thus filled will measure about 2½ inches larger each way. They will weigh about five or six pounds more, and will cost about as much more as single walled hives of the same capacity.

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#### Feeding Hens.

A correspondent in *Country Gentleman* makes the following statement: I have kept poultry all my life—all kinds, under almost every possible condition—but have never had my hens lay as well as they have all along through the fall and now. I have experimented with fowls to a large extent for the purpose of getting facts, and have proved my present system of feeding and forcing for eggs. I chop together apples or the peelings, raw or boiled potatoes and an occasional onion; after chopping quite fine I mix intimately about two teaspoonfuls of red pepper to ten hens, and fully the same amount of salt. I pour boiling water, only a little, over the whole, and then mix in corn meal until quite stiff and moderately dry. This I feed three times a week. My pullets, young and old hens, lay better, look better and are better than I ever before saw them. The combs are red, a sure indication of good thrift. The plumage is bright and full. This is the result of the salt and pepper. I feed afternoons oats, barley and a little corn.

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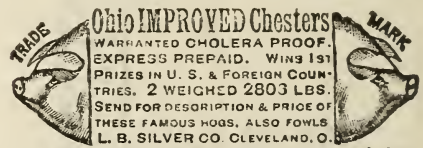
(Concluded from last week.)

The joint letter found its way in due time to the sanctum of a puzzled and amused editor, who frowned and laughed alternately over its contents, half disposed to toss it into the waste-basket, but finally put it in his pocket with a dozen other documents. It might have remained there indefinitely, for the editor was a young man, and had no personal interest in the domestic problem, but, dining that day with his sister, his serene enjoyment was suddenly disturbed by a series of dull thumps upon the stairs, followed by piercing screams.

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Maryland Farmer, Baltimore.



"There!" said Mrs. Lattimer, rushing away. "She's let the baby fall down stairs; I always said she'd kill it! I shall dismiss her the minute Fred gets back!" she panted, returning with the baby. "I never draw an easy breath except when the children are asleep."

"Oh, by the way, Florence," replied her brother, "I've got hold of a solution for all your domestic difficulties. Never say I'm not practical again. Here are two servants for you made to order,—a cook and a nursery-maid,—natives, sisters, capable, educated, warranted by the minister; what more could you ask?"

"Raymond, what on earth are you talking about?"

"It's all here, you can see for yourself. The fact is, I've been thinking a good deal about this labor question; and one evening I wrote a letter for the Journal, purporting to have come from a Mrs. E. L. Howe, setting forth her troubles with servants, and appealing to the host of respectable, unemployed women for help."

"You miserable humbug! I read it with a sympathizing heart and meant to write to her myself—our cases were so much alike—only I forgot it."

"Well, here comes a letter from a rustic maiden, who speaks for her sister and herself, and proposes to undertake the job. She's in serious earnest, too, and I'm quite impressed by her letter. Just read it."

Mrs. Lattimer read with a critical, not to say sceptical air.

"I'd sooner have Bridget with all her peppery temper. Deliver me from superior, I'm-as-good-as-you-are servants. I intend to be mistress in my house, and I want servants and not companions and friends."

"All right, you have my approval there; but I thought the trouble was you were not mistress. They obey just far enough to enable them to keep their places and draw their wages, and they have no con-

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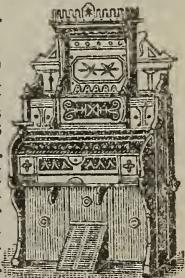
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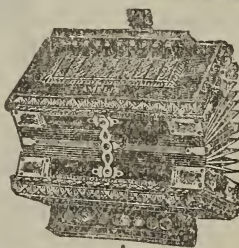
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"As for Mattie," Mrs. Lattimer confessed to her brother, "she's simply invaluable; and I shall never endure an ordinary servant again, but if she hadn't known her mind better than I did mine we should have parted the very first week. There is one blessed thing your old Journal has done for the labor question, and if my ship ever comes in I'll endow the paper out of gratitude."

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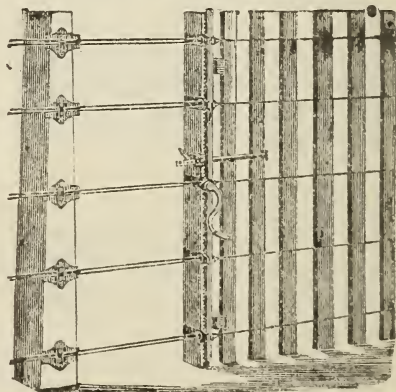
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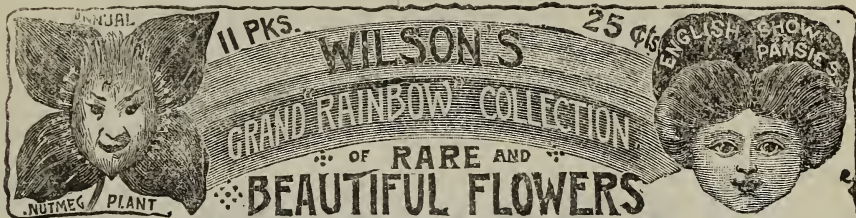


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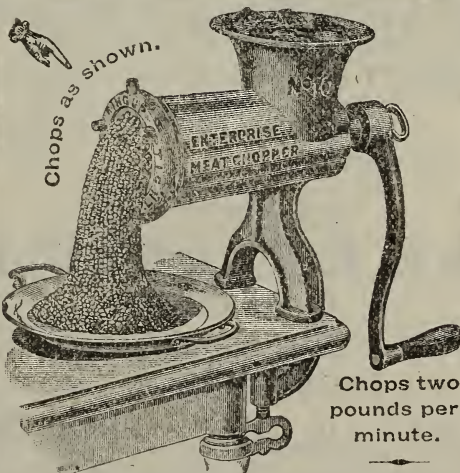
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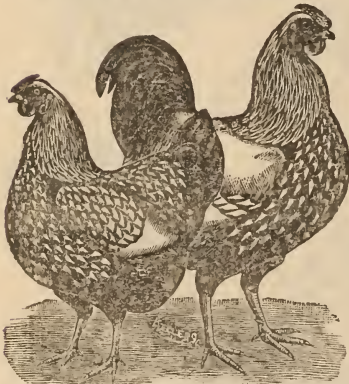
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